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Letter dated 27 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

On behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Indonesia to the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights, I have the honour to submit to you an unofficial English translation of the salient part of the announcement made by the Indonesian Chief of Staff of the Army on the results of the investigation conducted by the Military Honourary Council which was established by the President of the Republic of Indonesia in the aftermath of the Dili incident of 12 November 1991.

"After thoroughly studying the report of the Council, the Chief of Staff of the Army came to the conclusion that there were three categories of offences/misconduct committed by the Local Commander of the Army and his subordinates in the handling of the 12 November incident. It is deemed necessary, therefore, to take the following actions:

1. Six officers who were found guilty of misconduct will be punished: three officers will be dismissed from military service, two officers will not be given any post within the organizational structure of the Army although [they remain] still on active duty, and one officer temporarily will not be given any post within the organizational structure of the Army.

2. The field commander and members of the military who acted without command and beyond acceptable norms will be brought before the Military Court in accordance with the laws and regulations. The number of persons to be brought to the Military Courts is: four officers, three sub-officers and one private.

3. Further investigations will be pursued concerning five officers who failed to take appropriate actions during the incident."

In view of the relevance of this announcement to the Commission's deliberations on agenda item 12, I would appreciate if it could be circulated to the members and observers of the Commission.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative